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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5834

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, AU
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 083084

1. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY ACTION BY AMBASSADOR OR OTHER MEMBER OF THIS EMBASSY WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS EITHER RESTRAINING DEA OR VETOING ITS OPERATIONS. AMBASSADOR, THROUGH EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, MAINTAINS CONTROL AND COMPLETE OVERSIGHT OF ACTIVITIES OF DEA SAIC VIENNA TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES RELATING TO DEA OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES (CA-2985 OF JUNE 15, 1976, 76 STATE 174298 AND CA-4027 OF AUGUST 11, 1976). TOWARD THIS END, PROCEDURES (AGREED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND SAIC VIENNA) WERE ESTABLISHED ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, UNDER WHICH ANY DISAGREEMENTS CONCERNING CONFORMITY OF DEA ACTIONS TO THOSE GUIDELINES WOULD BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO ATTENTION OF DCM OR AMBASSADOR.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME PLANNED ACTIONS OF DEA SAIC VIENNA HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OR POSTPONED TO ENSURE: 1) THAT THERE WAS FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES; 2) THAT ALL MISSION ACTIVITIES IN NARCOTICS
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CONTROL WERE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE, OR 3) THAT THERE WAS FULL PRIOR COORDINATION OF SAIC'S ACTIVITIES IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH OUR EMBASSIES THERE. HOWEVER, IN EVERY CASE, THE CHANGES WERE MUTUALLY AGREED BY SAIC AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND NO REPEAT NO DISAGREEMENTS HAVE HAD TO BE DIRECTED TO DCM OR AMBASSADOR FOR RESOLUTION.

3. EMBASSY HAS VIEWED ITS ROLE IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AS FULL SUPPORT FOR DEA OBJECTIVES WITHIN GUIDELINES NOTED. WITH SUCH COOPERATION WE CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED VIRTUALLY ALL OBJECTIVES IN OUR NARCOTICS ACTION CONTROL PLAN FOR AUSTRIA. EVIDENCE OF DEGREE OF COOPERATION ACHIEVED IS REFLECTED IN LETTER OF MARCH 1, 1977, FROM DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT PARIS WHICH ACCOMPANIED DEA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. LETTER STATES, INTER ALIA: "I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION YOU HAVE RENDERED OUR DISTRICT OFFICE IN VIENNA. YOUR EFFORTS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR DEA TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION IN SUCH A WAY THAT BROUGHT CREDIT TO BOTH OUR AGENCIES. YOUR KEEN INTEREST IN OUR OBJECTIVES HAS HELPED US TO STRENGTHEN OUR TIES AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."

4. COPY OF LETTER FROM WHICH QUOTATION IS TAKEN WAS FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION IN PERSONNEL FILE OF FSO-3 GEORGE A. ANDERSON. WOLF

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